

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
September 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pearson called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Gomez, Pearson, Siebert, Vaca, Wilson-Thomas

Absent: Kato, Weinstock

**ALSO PRESENT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services  
Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager  
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator  
Maura Toohey, Community Services Coordinator  
Mary Coles-Guzman, Senior Administrative Assistant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Pearson.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of July 20, 2017.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Seibert/Gomez approved minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services reported on the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) joint-use agreement is still in the works. Ms. Riley also reported the Ehlers Event Center remodel is going well. She also announced new Senior Office Assistant, Ariana Chavez.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager reported on the success of the summer programs. Mr. Kurata also reminded the commission of Silverado Days October 20 - October 22, 2017.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley reported the Edison right-of-way walking path is almost complete. The path starts from Knott Avenue and extends to Valley View Avenue. Students from Cal State Fullerton's kinesiology department are providing training at the workout stations throughout various parks.
5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services, reported that there were eight participants in swim lessons. There are five applications pending for Youth Basketball. Ms. Van Sickle also reported that applications expire in one year. Participants will need to resubmit an application each year they are interested utilizing the scholarship program.
  - b. Memorial Grove Recap - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the event. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. City Council presented a resolution to Donna Bagley's granddaughter. She also thanked the commission for their participation.

c. Summer Program Evaluations:

- i. Summer Aquatics - Maura Toohey, Community Services Coordinator provided a brief report on the success of the program. Revenue total for the season was \$119,416.00.
  - ii. Summer Parks Program - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the program. The free drop-in program was offered at eight (8) different sites from May 30, 2017 - August 4, 2017, Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Attendance total for all parks this season was 11,975.
  - iii. Pnut Baseball - Ms. Van Sickle reported on another great season of P-Nut and Clinic baseball. Total attendance this year was 390.
  - iv. Gymnasium Programs - This item was calendared for next month.
- d. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata provided an update on the following park projects currently underway:
- Larwin Park bid opening
  - Edison right of way parking lot under construction
  - 91 west bound off ramp almost complete

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – Graffiti report was distributed. Mr. Kurata reported that graffiti is up in certain areas.

7. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Wilson-Thomas announced students from Cal State Fullerton are in the parks assisting patrons with the outdoor fitness equipment. Commissioner Seibert inquired about the Source.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

  
Rose Pearson, Chair